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Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

Year ending December 31, 1977

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EASTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Thomas Pancoast

TOWN CLERK
Virginia Leighton

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN

Glenn Kiedaisch - 1979 (resigned 11/77)
Kathleen Pancoast - 1980 Dennis Ford - 1978

SUPERVISORS

Fontelle A. Silver - 1978 Carol Westhaver - 1981
Linda Leighton - 1980

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Trina W. Osher

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margaret Whitcomb - 1978 Ruth Towne - 1980 Patty Clark - 1979

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Helen Young - 1978 Wendell Silver - 1980 John Purinton - 1979

TAX COLLECTOR

Fontelle Silver

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John Jerome

POLICE OFFICER

Glenn Kiedaisch - resigned

AUDITOR

Susan Maltby

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Wutzdorff - 1978 resigned
Jack Kenney - 1981 Kathleen Pancoast - 1980
Russell Towne - 1978 Glenn Kiedaisch - 1980 resigned
Gerald I. Coogan - 1979 Dean Clark - 1979

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Dean Clark - 1979

Dennis Ford - 1980
Harold Klumbach - 1982

Ion Whitcomb - 1981
John Sykes - 1978



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid:

Town's Share: \$ 51.53

State Share \$353.52

and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$400.00
Selectman	300.00
Selectman	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	50.00

If approved, it is understood that the Selectmen and other officers will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290.96 to the White Mountain Regional Association.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185.00 to the North Country Home Health Agency and \$185.00 to the White Mountain Community Services.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Cemetery maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168.00 for the Easton Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Littleton Hospital Association.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to the Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rate reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Dump	\$2,600.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

ARTICLE 13. To see whether the Town wishes to accept bids for road work on a three-year basis.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regards to tax maps.

ARTICLE 15. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regards to supporting the Franconia, Sugar Hill Fire Departments.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will adopt the following regulation: That no road shall be accepted by the Town as a Town Road unless it conforms to TRA specifications.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Gingerbread Village Roads (so called) as town roads.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town wishes to continue having a Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town wishes to have an elected Planning Board.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town wishes to empower the Planning Board to adopt subdivision regulations.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen act as Building Inspector and issue all building permits.

ARTICLE 22. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, Officers' salaries and expenses and other Town charges.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dennis Ford
Kathleen Pancoast

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have a number of topics to report to the townspeople on this year, including changes within Easton, cooperative efforts with surrounding towns, use of our Town Hall, and plans for the future.

In November, Glenn Kiedaisch submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, and Planning Board member, as he will be out of town several days every week on business. Glenn gave many hours to Easton and we want to say a sincere thanks for his good-humored, hard-working approach to town administration.

During 1977 we worked with Franconia and Sugar Hill to establish a new solid waste disposal site to replace the old open-burning dump which was closed down. The site opened on schedule last summer. A few adjustments had to be made, such as erecting a roof. Probably the biggest complaint we heard was that it was difficult to get used to the hours, after having access to the old dump at all times, but things seem to be going well. The Selectmen of the three towns involved hope to start some recycling in the near future.

The three towns are currently discussing police and fire protection, and we hope to work out another good cooperative effort in these areas.

Chet King, a new resident in town, has been sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police in Easton. He has generously offered to do a daily patrol of our town, gratis, and he will be on call for emergencies. We appreciate his willingness to pitch in, and look forward to working with him.

We have several things to say about taxes. First of all, we are pleased to report we held the line on spending in 1977. Our tax rate was \$1.76, only 1¢ up from last year.

In an effort to get our real estate tax bills out promptly, we made a special trip to Concord in September to obtain our tax rate. We still had to wait for the state government to decide the state budget, but when the tax rate finally was available, Easton's bills were out as quickly as possible. We plan to make the trip to Concord again this coming year for this purpose.

While in Concord, we were informed that our town's evaluation is at 46%. The Department of Revenue Administration is going to blow the whistle soon and demand that we do a re-evaluation of Easton, so we decided it would be wise to plan ahead for this to see if we could cut the expense of it a bit. The first phase of our plan is to do a town tax map. R.S.A. 31:95 requires that each town have an up-to-date tax map by 1980, so it's not too early to start. We will be

offering a couple of alternatives at Town Meeting this year, in order to have our tax map completed on time.

Having an updated tax map will significantly cut the cost of phase 2, our re-evaluation. We will be working on proposals for re-evaluation this year.

The third phase of our tax planning will be a package of exemptions to be made available to Easton residents. We are collecting information on these now and plan to present a unified proposal at next year's town meeting.

Our Town Hall is being used for a variety of activities which serve the community. Our main criterion in allowing people to use the hall requires that the people benefiting from the activity be predominately from Easton. Occasionally we do require a payment to cover heat, electricity and maintenance. Town Hall is currently being used regularly for meetings of a wide variety of groups: Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Kinsman Club and a weekly Yoga class. Special events have included a D. A. R. meeting in June, a potluck supper, the annual Christmas Party, a weekend retreat for the Church of Christ, and benefit dances for the Coppermine School. We hope to do some basic maintenance on the Town Hall this summer.

We spent a lot of time this year reviewing town roads. There has been some confusion about the status of the roads in Gingerbread Village. Apparently these roads were never taken over by the town, and cannot be maintained by the town in the future unless they are. We have inserted an item in this year's warrant to clear this up. This summer we plan to do some general maintenance on roads throughout town.

The Selectmen receive eight to ten calls between our regular meetings from townspeople looking for information, sharing their concerns and offering suggestions. At this time, we want to thank everyone for taking the time to give us their thoughts. We hope you have found us responsive.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ford, Chairman
Kathleen G. Pancoast

INVENTORY OF 1977

Land	\$ 950,800.00
Buildings	1,563,350.00
Electric Power Lines	159,400.00
Mobile Homes & Trailers	16,500.00
Boats	<u>375.00</u>
 Total Gross Valuation	 \$2,690,425.00
 Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	 \$2,690,425.00
 Less Veterans' Exemptions	 500.00
 Property Tax	 46,851.08
Residence Tax	1,320.00
Yield Tax	1,435.71
Bank Stock Taxes	<u>2.70</u>
 Total Taxes for Collection	 \$ 49,609.49



LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	\$55,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library and Equipment	1,500.00
Town Equipment	<u>1,150.00</u>
 Total	 \$59,650.00

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1977. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Susan Maltby
Auditor
January 30, 1978



REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT Revenue Sharing Fund

Available Funds, January 1, 1977	\$ 201.29
Added Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	771.00
Interest	<u>32.52</u>
 Total Available Funds	\$1,004.81
 Less Expenditures	
General Maintenance	201.29
Less Appropriations	<u>-0-</u>
 Total Available Funds, December 31, 1977	\$ 803.52

Susan Maltby, Auditor
January 30, 1978

BUDGET FOR THE

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1977	ACTUAL 1977	ESTIMATED 1978
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 300.00	\$ 764.17	\$ 500.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	125.63	100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	900.00	1,065.56	1,000.00
Highway Subsidy	900.00	625.19	1,300.00
Reimbursement - Resources			
Division	25.00	-0-	-0-
Business Profits Tax	15.00	16.76	15.00
Forest Reserve Fund	2,900.00	3,464.80	-0-
White Mt. Nat'l Forest	-0-	1,092.16	4,515.99
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	50.00	70.00	70.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	19.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,500.00	4,472.08	4,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	.80	2.70	2.50
Resident Taxes Retained	950.00	1,170.00	1,200.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	1,435.71	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property	-0-	80.00	200.00
Income from Departments	-0-	449.80	-0-
Town Maps	5.00	1.50	-0-
Refunds	-0-	389.60	-0-
Cash Surplus:	4,000.00	30,521.95	5,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	<u> </u>	<u>771.00</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total Revenue from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$15,655.80	\$46,537.61	\$22,513.49

TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1977	ACTUAL 1977	ESTIMATED 1978
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	2,020.70	2,000.00
Election & Registration	400.00	204.66	450.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,200.00	1,324.68	1,500.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police & Fire Department	1,700.00	713.45	1,700.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,234.00	1,500.00
Health Department:			
Health Officer	5.00	-0-	5.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00	2,115.41	3,500.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance-			
Summer & Winter	5,000.00	3,419.65	6,000.00
Town Road Aid	51.64	51.64	51.53
Library:	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare:	-0-	-0-	50.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	319.12	400.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,595.74	1,915.26	2,500.00
Debt Service:			
Principal (Temporary Loan)	-0-	5,888.00	-0-
Interest (Temporary Loan)	-0-	104.20	100.00
Capital Outlay:			
Taxes bought by Town	-0-	44.14	-0-
Property Assessing	250.00	200.00	250.00
Refunds	200.00	57.75	-0-
Total Expenditures	\$19,187.38	\$21,397.66	\$21,806.53

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LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1978
Compared with those in 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00	450.00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings and Utilities	1,200.00	1,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Police & Fire Departments	1,700.00	1,700.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	3,500.00	3,500.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	5,000.00	6,000.00
TRA	51.64	51.53
Library	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare	-0-	50.00
Town Cemetery	300.00	400.00
Abatements	200.00	-0-
Chamber of Commerce	286.74	450.00
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	562.00
White Mtn. Community Services	185.00	185.00
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00	185.00
North Country Council	159.00	159.00
Franconia Recreation Association	350.00	-0- 503.00
Conservation Commission	300.00	168.00
White Mountain Regional Association	-0-	290.96
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Littleton Hospital Association	-0-	500.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	-0-	100.00
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	\$19,187.38	\$21,806.53

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1977	\$30,521.95
Yield Taxes Uncollected	3,414.61
Capital Reserve Fund	2,150.01
Timber Tax Deposit	2,700.28
Revenue Sharing Fund	803.52
Kitchen Fund	<u>1,177.50</u>

Total Assets \$40,767.87

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserve Fund (to offset Assets above)	\$ 2,150.01
Timber Tax Deposit (to offset Assets above)	2,700.28
Revenue Sharing Fund (to offset Assets above)	803.52
Kitchen Fund (to offset Assets above)	1,177.50
County Taxes Payable	<u>7,969.56</u>
	\$14,800.87

Excess Assets **\$25, 967.00**

Tax Rate: One \$100.00 valuation is \$1.76



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1977

1977 Auto Permits - 175	\$ 4,472.08
1977 Dog Licenses - 22	70.00
Town Maps Sold - 1	1.50
Town Reports Sold - 7	7.00
Filing Fees	5.00
 Paid to Town Treasurer	 \$ 4,555.58

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk

**TREASURER'S REPORT
1977**

Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1977	\$23,698.29
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	49,199.24
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	4,555.58
Selectmen of Easton - 7 Gun Permits	14.00
Credits - 3 Voided Checks	131.00
Refunds - Profile School	389.60
Planning Board - Subdivision Fees	210.00
Town Hall Rental	80.00
State of New Hampshire Revenues:	
Bank Tax	125.63
Business Profits Tax	16.76
Highway Subsidy	625.19
Interest & Dividends	764.17
Meals & Rooms	1,065.56
White Mountain National Forest	1,092.16
State & Federal Forest Lands	1,956.80
United States Treasury:	
Federal Forest Lands	1,508.00
Revenue Shares - Deposited in Savings Account, Littleton Savings Bank	771.00
Lafayette National Bank - Loan to Town of Easton in anticipation of Taxes	5,888.00
Deposit on Timber Tax (Yield Tax) deposited in Savings Account, Littleton Savings Bank	<u>1,350.00</u>
	\$93,440.98
Money returned to Checking Account for expenses from Revenue Account - 1976 - \$199.00	
Interest - \$2.29	<u>201.29</u>
	\$93,642.27

Paid on Account of 124 Selectmen's Orders	\$63,120.32
(Total 130 - 6 Voided)	
Balance on hand in Checking Account - January 1, 1978	30,521.95
Littleton Savings Bank Accounts Inc. Interest Jan. 1, 1978	<u>4,681.30</u>
Total Assets	\$35,203.25

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer



STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
1977

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,020.70
Election & Registration	204.66
Town Hall Expenses	1,324.68
Police & Fire Protection	713.45
Protection of Persons & Property	1,234.00
Library	150.00
Taxes Bought by Town	44.14
Reappraisal of Property	200.00
Advertising	419.52
Solid Waste Disposal	2,115.41
Town Road Maintenance	3,419.65
Donation & Promotion	1,495.74
Cemetery	319.12
Refunds	57.75
Temporary Loan	5,992.20
Payments to State	294.12
Payments to School	39,359.18
Deposits to Savings Account	<u>2,121.00</u>
Total	\$63,120.32

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1977**

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$45,791.08
Resident Taxes	1,260.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>2.70</u>
 Total Warrants	 \$47,053.78
 Yield Taxes	 1,435.71
 Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	\$ 1,060.40
Resident Taxes	<u>60.00</u>
	 1,120.40
 Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	 5.00
 Total Debits	 \$49,614.89

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$43,889.37
Resident Taxes	1,100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.70
Yield Taxes	1,435.71
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>5.00</u>
	 \$46,432.78

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 200.48
Resident Taxes	<u>10.00</u>
	 210.48

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 2,761.63
Resident Taxes	<u>210.00</u>
	 <u>2,971.63</u>

Total Credits

\$49,614.89

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,599.66
Resident Taxes	150.00
Yield Taxes	<u>442.98</u>
	\$ 3,192.64

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	65.85
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

5.00

Total Debits	\$ 3,263.49
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,599.66
Resident Taxes	60.00
Interest Collected During Year	65.85
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>5.00</u>
	\$ 2,730.51

Abatements Made During Year:

Resident Taxes	90.00
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

(As Per Collector's List)

Yield Taxes	<u>442.98</u>
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Total Credits	\$ 3,263.49
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES - Levy of 1977

Property Taxes:		
Fernald G. Aiken, Sr.	\$	26.40
Fernald G. Aiken, Jr.		52.80
Arthur Baum		105.60
Ralph Brooks		52.80
Wendell W. Cayton		439.12
*Thomas Farren		30.80
Ruth Garvey		29.04
Robert Glover		63.36
Roderick K. Glover (Taxes owed by James Fox, new owner)		268.40
Bernard Hudson		64.24
Irving Laughlin		221.76
Alice G. Moser Estate		155.76
*Vincent Place		39.60
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston		236.72
David Shepard		365.20
Benjamin Talford		52.80
Joseph Wilcox		<u>210.51</u>
Total		\$2,414.91
Resident Taxes:		
Wendell Cayton	\$	10.00
Edward Haskell		10.00
Mrs. Edward Haskell		10.00
Kevin Hayes		10.00
Susan Maltby		10.00
Alan McLane		10.00
Joan McLane		10.00
John Miller		10.00
Linda Miller		10.00
Susan Place		10.00
Alfred Storella		10.00
Sherry Storella		10.00
Larry Talmadge		10.00
John Trainor		10.00
Linda Trainor		10.00
Thomas Trainor		10.00
Jacqueline Werner		10.00
Joseph Wilcox		10.00
Karen Wilcox		10.00
Ann Wolfe		10.00
Gregory Parmentier		<u>10.00</u>
Total		\$ 210.00

* Paid after December 31, 1977

Taxes due January 31, 1978, Added Warrant

*Maurice Doyon \$ 346.72

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - LEVY OF 1976

Yield Taxes:

Charles Hodgdon

\$ 442.98

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levy of 1976:

Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 35.89
Interest Collected After Sale	<u>.06</u>
Total Debits	\$ 35.95

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 35.89
Interest & Costs After Sale	<u>.06</u>
Total Credits	\$ 35.95



I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1977, on account of tax levy of 1977, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Glenn Kiedaisch, Selectman	\$ 356.61
Dennis Ford, Selectman	343.39
Kathleen Pancoast, Selectman	243.52
Durand Cooley, Selectman	56.48
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	200.00
Margaret Whitcomb, Treasurer	200.00
Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector	200.00
Susan Maltby, Auditor	<u>35.00</u>
	 <u>\$ 1,635.00</u>

Detail 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N. H. Association of Assessing Officials	\$ 10.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	81.10
N. H. City & Town Clerks' Association	20.00
Littleton Office Supply	135.95
Harrison Publishing House	734.00
Barbara Fortier, Reg. of Probate	.20
N. H. Tax Collectors Association	10.00
Linda Leighton, Secretary	269.24
Durand B. Cooley	35.67
Equity Publishing Co.	38.00
N. H. Municipal Association	30.00
Fontelle Silver	187.07
Kathleen Pancoast	24.00
Branham Publishing Co.	11.65
Franconia Hardware	3.90
Robert Wutzdorff	118.82
Glenn Kiedaisch	104.45
Virginia Leighton	192.49
Margaret Whitcomb	<u>14.16</u>
	 <u>\$ 2,020.70</u>

Detail 3. ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Tom Pancoast, Moderator	\$ 120.00
Kathleen Pancoast	11.00
Harrison Publishing House	25.00
Fontelle Silver, Supervisor	6.90
Linda Leighton, Supervisor	11.86
Carol Westhaver, Supervisor	4.60
Ruth Towne, Supervisor Pro-tem	2.30
Margaret Whitcomb, Ballot Clerk	11.50
Thelma Hubbard, Ballot Clerk	<u>11.50</u>
	\$ 204.66

Detail 4. TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Wetherbee Oil	\$ 506.33
New England Telephone	249.48
Public Service Co.	132.51
Wendell Silver	223.61
Franconia Gas Corp.	102.03
Franconia Hardware	12.95
Whitney's	<u>97.77</u>
	\$ 1,324.68

Detail 5. POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION

Auto Specialties	\$ 13.95
Franconia Hardware	1.68
Glenn Kiedaisch	547.82
Gary Boyle, Atty.	<u>150.00</u>
	\$ 713.45

Detail 6. PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Hadlock Insurance Agency (Bldg.)	\$ 912.00
Hunkins & Eaton (Officers Bonds)	69.00
Franconia Insurance & R. E. (Workmen's Comp.)	112.00
Hunkins & Eaton (Bond - Comp.)	<u>141.00</u>
	\$ 1,234.00

Detail 7. LIBRARY

	\$ 150.00
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Detail 8. TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

	\$ 44.14
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Detail 9. REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

Maynard G. White	\$ 200.00
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Detail 10. ADVERTISING

Courier Printing Company	\$ 419.52
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Detail 11. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

North Country Council	\$ 35.13
Town of Franconia	<u>2,080.28</u>

	\$ 2,115.41
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Detail 12. TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter Road Maintenance	
Robert P. Peckett, III	\$ 3,182.65
Summer Road Maintenance	
Robert P. Peckett, III	97.00
David Hunt	<u>140.00</u>
	\$ 3,419.65

Detail 13. DONATION & PROMOTION

Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	\$ 286.74
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00
White Mountain Community Services	185.00
North Country Council	159.00
Franconia Recreation Program	350.00
Easton Conservation Committee	<u>400.00</u>
	\$ 1,495.74

Detail 14. CEMETERY

Wendell Silver	\$ 319.12
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Detail 15. REFUNDS

Charles & Everett Barry	\$ 14.00
W. K. Glover & Sons	<u>43.75</u>
	\$ 57.75

Detail 16. TEMPORARY LOANS

Lafayette National Bank

Principal	\$ 5,888.00
Interest	<u>104.20</u>
	\$ 5,992.20

Detail 17. PAYMENTS TO STATE

Treasurer, State of N. H. - Bond & Debt Retirement	\$ 242.48
Treasurer, State of N. H. - T.R.A.	<u>51.64</u>
	\$ 294.12

Detail 18. PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Profile School District	\$17,969.10
Lafayette School District	<u>21,390.08</u>
	\$39,359.18

Detail 19. DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Revenue Sharing	\$ 771.00
Timber Tax	<u>1,350.00</u>
	\$ 2,121.00
 Total	 \$63,120.32

REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Your Conservation Commission tackled and accomplished two major projects in 1977. First was designation of the Paine and Sugar Hill roads as "Scenic Roads" which gives landowners and the town some protection from indiscriminate tree-cutting and removal of stone walls from the road sides. Both designations were approved at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

Our second accomplishment was Phase I of a plan to improve the appearance of the Town Hall through plantings of shrubs and trees. Kathleen Hogan of the North Country Council provided a design sketch and a list of suitable plants for this program. The White Mountain Garden Club, represented in Easton by Mrs. Frank Griffin, very kindly provided \$285.35 for this effort. As a result, the following plantings were made around the Town Hall: 2 American Arborvitae, 2 Eastern Mountain Ash, 3 Siberian Dogwood, 4 Blue Rug Juniper, 2 Canadian Hemlock, 6 Mugho Pine, and 5 Black Spruce. These plants have already relieved the somewhat barren look around the foundations of the building and should be a real asset to the town in years to come.

During the latter part of 1977, the Commission lost several members -- two left the area on an extended trip and another moved away. A fire earlier in the year wiped out our records and made continuity difficult. At the moment, the Commission is being reorganized and new members are being sought.

For 1978, the Commission will address Phase II of the Town Hall project with plantings around the pond. If the area can be made attractive, the Commission may provide benches for the use of townspeople. When the parking lot is a reality, the Commission would like to see that the area is nicely landscaped. A general clean-up of the Town Hall grounds, with removal of alders and deadwood on the northern hillside, would also improve the appearance of the land. The windowboxes for the Town Hall will again be planted and set out.

If funds and manpower permit, the Commission would like to set aside one or two days for roadside clean-up in the spring, when bottles, cans and other refuse make the roads unsightly. In the same way, the swimming holes near the Town Hall could be periodically cleaned up if landowners give their permission. Possible projects in addition to these are permanent plantings at the Kinsman Cemetery, environmental films and speakers, and provision of ice skating at the Town Hall pond, if this is feasible. We will continue to look into recycling of solid waste in conjunction with other area towns if enough interest is shown.

As you'll note in looking at the Town Budget, we have substantially reduced our appropriations request from \$300 in 1977 to \$168 in 1978. With an on-hand balance of approximately \$300 after our dues are paid, we feel this surplus will help us accomplish our current goals. Commission members hope you'll feel free to provide your comments and suggestions on our work. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please drop in and add your ideas. Easton Conservation Commission members are:

Pat Coogan, Chairman
Woody Miller

Stephen North
Monica Fox

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR 1978

Membership Dues	\$ 40.00
Postage, Printing, Copying	25.00
Telephone	8.00
Reference Materials & Films	15.00
Mileage	30.00
Phase II Town Hall planting	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$168.00

Treasurer's Report 1977

Balance 1/1/77	\$ 19.32
Deposit 5/2/77	400.00
7/18/77	10.00
	<u>285.35</u>
Interest on N.O.W. Account	<u>7.63</u>
Total Income	\$722.30
Expenses 1977	<u>- 382.99</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/77	\$339.31

Summary of 1977 Expenses

Dues	\$ 35.00
Mileage/Postage	25.00
Town of Easton	4.16
NHACC Mtg.	16.00
Reference Material	6.50
State of N.H. (Trees)	10.00
Town Hall Landscaping	<u>286.33</u>
Total Expenses	\$382.99



EASTON PLANNING BOARD

The Easton Planning Board is charged with the responsibility for reviewing and then approving or disapproving prospective subdivisions in town with the overall intent of keeping expenses resulting from development to a minimum. When properly planned and developed -- taking into consideration road construction, drainage, wetland, and other natural features of the land -- a new subdivision or a few new lots can provide new housing and also have a beneficial impact on the town by producing additional tax revenue to help with our real estate tax burdens. However, it is a fact that improperly planned and executed subdivisions have, in other cases, become a burden for the respective towns because roads were poorly designed, or developments were built on excessively steep slopes causing sewage run-off onto neighboring properties.

To guide the Planning Board when it reviews proposals, we need a set of brief and straightforward subdivision regulations. The Board has met on a number of occasions to try to prepare a suitable set of guidelines, and townspeople have been given an opportunity to comment on them. In September, the Planning Board sponsored what evolved into a very heated public hearing. At that time some townspeople strongly objected to certain sections of the proposed subdivision practices and the need for a planning board. We are responding to many of the suggestions made by those attending. We are working on behalf of the town and need your ideas and suggestions for workable regulations. We now have a revised set of regulations which we hope will be acceptable to the town. There was a question as to whether the Town Meeting ever authorized the Board to review subdivisions and we hope to resolve that question by a special article allowing the Planning Board to do so.

Last year was an active one for the Board, as evidenced by the number of new subdivisions we reviewed and approved. In 1977 the Planning Board approved a total of eight subdivisions providing 23 new building lots in all.

In addition to reviewing individual subdivision proposals, the Board should be considering the future of Easton as a whole. To this end, we well coordinate our activities more closely with the Conservation Commission and other appropriate groups in town.

From time to time, there should be a change in the makeup of the Planning Board as members leave the area or become too busy to participate. We would like to be aware of those people in town who are concerned about Easton's future and would be willing to contribute their time and energy to Planning Board activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Clark
Gerald Coogan
Jack Kenney
Kathleen Pancoast
Russell Towne
Glenn Kiedaisch (resigned 11/77)
Robert Wutzdorff (resigned 11/77)

Easton Planning Board

Expenses incurred by the board:

Certified Mail:

Subdivision of Bendtzen	5 @ .98	\$ 4.90
Goodhue	9 @ .98	8.82
Schaub	4 @ .98	3.92
Schultze	3 @ .98	2.94
Williams	21 @ .98	20.58
Zee Bar Inc.	9 @ .98	7.84
S. Glover	16 @ .98	15.68
Littleton Office Supply	1/13	3.60
	6/8	3.90
	7/12	2.25
	8/17	3.04
	9/27	3.60
30 Postcards @ .09		2.70
Special Delivery Mail 8/12 (Buxton)		1.49
12 Postage Stamps @ .13		1.56
Recorded at County Reg. Office (Schultze)		8.00
Recorded at County Reg. Office (Zee Bar Inc.)		<u>\$ 24.00</u>
		\$118.82

Sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff, Chairman

POLICE REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 1977

Requests for Police Services:

14 complaints of general services requested

Accidents:

Involving motor vehicles - 6 reported and processed by this department

Robberies & break-ins:

12 reported and investigated

Speeding Violations:

Summons - 7

Warnings - 6

Dog Complaints:

Were in excess of 20 reported and investigated this year

The Police Department spent most of this year investigating robberies, running after stray dogs and assisting the townspeople with general police services. Speeding violations on Route 116 by the town residents is extremely high.

In future years, the townspeople should give serious consideration to having a part-time - full-time police chief, providing him with a vehicle and radar. This can be done with Federal, State, and local funds, keeping the cost to the town minimal. It is important that we protect our rural town by making it a safe place for all our residents and seasonal visitors.

Respectfully,

Glenn T. Kiedaisch
Police Chief (resigned 11/21/77)



BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Easton, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Following is the annual report of the Building Inspector.

Permits were issued to: (1977)

Robert Glover, for residence with attached garage.
R. Edward Gordon, for residence, no garage.
Roderick Glover, for addition to shop of Ion Whitcomb.
Raymond Bilodeau, for a log residence, no garage.
Vincent Place, for a trailer, for six months, during construction.
George H. White, for residence, no garage.
Roger W. Glover, for residence, no garage.
Cabot J. Cameron, for residence, no garage.

I want to thank the above residents for their cooperation. There is no charge for a building permit.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff



EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1977

Three visits were made to the Easton Library by the Bookmobile in 1977.

There were 517 books borrowed. 283 fiction, 111 non-fiction, and 123 youth and juvenile.

Five new books were bought with the town's appropriation, and 51 were given by friends. Thanks to all.

Number of visitors	152
Number of readers	32
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	212
Adult non-fiction	160
Juvenile fiction	182
Juvenile non-fiction	<u>5</u>
Total	559
Paperbacks & magazines	<u>60</u>
Total Circulation	619

The library is open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian



1977 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1977	\$139.34
Town Appropriation	150.00
Fines on Overdue Books	<u>15.37</u>
Total Receipts	\$304.71

EXPENDITURES

Salary of Librarian	\$100.00
Insurance	23.75
Books Purchased:	
Readers Digest "Joy of Nature" & postage	13.54
Volumes 2 & 3 Encyclopedia of Crafts	11.14
Lumber for added book shelves	<u>27.09</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$175.52</u>
Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	\$129.19

Margaret Whitcomb
Treas. & Library Trustee



LITTLETON SAVINGS BANK
1977 Savings Accounts

Account Funds	Balance 1/1/77	Interest 1977	Deposits 1977	With- drawals 1977	Balance 12/31/77
Kitchen	\$1,116.46	\$ 61.04	\$	\$	\$1,177.50
Revenue Sharing	201.29	32.52	771.00	201.29	803.52
Timber Tax	<u>2,185.36</u>	<u>164.92</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>2,700.28</u>
Totals	\$3,503.11	\$258.48	\$2,121.00	\$1,201.29	\$4,681.30

Margaret Whitcomb
Treasurer



1977 REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of \$300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery.

There were three burials in our little cemetery this year. These lots were seeded and cared for as necessary.

Flags were placed on fifteen Veterans graves for Memorial Day. The flags this year were donated by an anonymous donor. The committee wishes to express its appreciation.

Due to the amount of rain this season the cemetery required mowing frequently to keep it attractive.

Some stones were straightened and several lots filled and seeded.

There were a total of seventeen Trust Funds with John Jerome as Trustee of Trust Funds.

Compliments on how well the cemetery has been kept the past few years have been most gratifying. Several from out of state have visited the cemetery and talked with Mr. Silver and expressed how nice it was to see the cemetery well cared for once again.

We hope the townspeople feel the same and will appropriate money enough to keep our little cemetery attractive.

The Kinsman Cemetery Committee proposes that a fee of \$25.00 be asked for a 12' x 20' cemetery lot from residents and that the non-resident fee should be \$50.00. A person desiring a lot or wishing to establish a trust fund should contact the Cemetery Committee Chairman.

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$300.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	202.00
Balance paid over Appropriation	<u>19.12</u>
	\$521.12

EXPENSES

Wendell Silver, Labor	\$446.00
Wendell Silver, Gas, Oil and Equipment	
Maintenance	<u>75.12</u>
	\$521.12

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Wendell W. Silver
Helen Young
John Purinton



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ON December 31, 1977

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Ant. of Principal	Balance Income Beginning Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young	\$ 100.00	\$ 17.67	6-3/4	\$ 8.34	\$ 7.00	\$ 19.01
	Peter Kingsman and Bernsley Edwards	100.00	28.76	6-3/4	9.12	7.00	30.88
1922	Florence Pease	200.00	98.07	6-3/4	21.07	18.00	101.14
1954	Whitcomb & Trabutt	200.00	48.96	6-3/4	17.65	15.00	51.61
1966	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	100.00	13.11	6-3/4	8.01	6.00	15.12
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	50.00	7.80	6-3/4	4.09	2.00	9.89
1973	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	100.00	13.80	6-3/4	8.07	6.00	15.87
1971	Harriet E. Bailey	100.00	15.26	6-3/4	8.16	6.00	17.42
1971	William & Alice C. Muser	100.00	13.24	6-3/4	8.03	6.00	15.27
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	200.00	23.39	6-3/4	15.82	14.00	25.21
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00	44.95	6-3/4	11.26	10.00	46.21
1947	Charles A. Young	200.00	46.03	6-3/4	17.43	15.00	48.46
1937	Orin G. Bowles	200.00	151.34	6-3/4	24.90	23.00	153.24
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25	25.54	6-3/4	6.87	5.00	27.41
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00	11.73	6-3/4	7.91	6.00	13.64
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00	7.36	6-3/4	7.60	6.00	8.96
1973	L. Gerard Paine	750.00	59.85	6-1/2	55.20	50.00	65.05

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care

1945	600.00	1,412.89	6-1/2	137.12	-0-	1,550.01
1946	\$3,385.25	\$2,039.75		\$ 376.65	\$ 202.00	\$2,214.40

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres Burned</u>
State	1,091	2,386
District	40	49.1
Town	0	0

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard
Canaan, New Hampshire

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Durand B. Cooley

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

As Executive Councilor for District One which covers 62% of the State of New Hampshire (102 towns and 3 cities), I am pleased to submit this short report to the citizens of your town.

The Executive Council of New Hampshire is elected from five districts portioned by population. The work of the Council has been described as similar to that of a board of directors for State business. The New Hampshire Constitution provides that the Council shall from time to time advise the Governor in the affairs of State. State law as passed by our General Court mandates much of State government to be acted upon "with the advice and consent of the Council."

Our meetings in the State House Council Chambers are open to the public, and I would welcome having any citizens from our District attend any of the meetings.

The responsibilities of the Governor and Council are so diversified as to defy any attempt at exact classification. Their activities extend to the appointment of certain public officials, to a general supervision over State departments, to State expenditures, to pardon matters and to a variety of other duties... State officials and employees, State fiscal matters, pardons, commutations and reprieves, eminent domain and related responsibilities, State contracts and leases, public waters, State industrial and recreational interests and miscellaneous responsibilities.

From time to time, as Councilor if I can be of help to cities, towns, counties, agencies and individuals, I stand ready to do so especially if the problem or concern has to do with State government. However, as many of you know, much of our government, at the local level, is funded by not only local dollars but State and federal monies are many times involved which means that several levels of government are involved. In such cases we must turn to our local town administrative assistants, regional planning commissions, county officials and others for help and guidance.

I can generally be reached by writing or calling my home office (R.F.D. #1, Woodsville, N.H., 03785, telephone, 603-747-3662) or in care of the Executive Council Chambers (State House, Concord, N.H., 03301, telephone, 603-271-3632).

Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor
District One

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.

BOX 40, FRANCONIA, N.H.

In Easton, NCC provided landscape design assistance on the town hall beautification project, technical assistance in establishing a tri-town solid waste transfer station, and technical assistance with developing subdivision regulations.

In 1977, NCC provided the following region-wide services:

Planning Services: NCC provides technical assistance to communities in a number of areas such as comprehensive planning, assistance with subdivision regulations, or reviewing development proposals. NCC is always available to meet with any local official, planning board or public body to assist with local planning matters and thirty-five towns have received some type of direct service from the Council.

Economic Development Grantmanship: NCC worked closely with the Economic Development Administration of the US Department of Commerce, the Farmers Home Administration, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and HUD to bring a greater amount of financial resources into the Region; this will assist municipalities, local development corporations, and other organizations implement locally developed projects and programs. NCC attempts to be aware of the many federal grant programs that would be relevant to needs of communities in the North Country.

Preparation of Development Plans: By working over time to complete components of the Development Plan (in accordance with RSA 36:45), the Council will be in a position to make specific recommendations on how the communities in the Region can develop and prepare for future growth. During 1977, much progress has been made in the areas of Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development.

Participation in National and State Policies: NCC responds to opportunities to present a North Country perspective before federal and state agencies. Examples include its presentation to the Regional Town Meeting on transportation sponsored by DOT Secretary Adams; meetings with the Regional representative of the Department of Energy on the potential of wood energy, its role in initiating legislation which permitted the construction of bi-state sewerage treatment plants, and its assistance in developing state legislation permitting town governments to develop and own industrial parks. NCC has also worked with the NH Department of Public Works and Highways to encourage the Department to make improvements to US 302 from Woodsville to Littleton. As a body representative of local government, NCC provides a local response to state initiatives on "208" Water Quality, Solid Waste, and Safe Drinking Water Standards.

Inquiries, Technical Assistance and Special Reports: NCC staff is always available to respond to the inquiries and requests of member municipalities. In the last year, the Council has published technical assistance reports on "Model Subdivision Regulations", "Woodsville Downtown Improvement Summary Report", "Energy Perspectives in the North Country", and the "North Country Housing Element".

Education and Training Programs: NCC again co-sponsored the six Municipal Law Lectures in the Fall and the second statewide Annual Meeting of Regional Planning Commission members. A special workshop for applicants of Round II of the Local Public Works Act was held in conjunction with EDA officials from Concord and Philadelphia. Planning News, the NCC Newsletter, and a legislative bulletin keep local officials and interested persons informed of planning and development activities.

In 1978, the Council will be available to work with the town and other appropriate groups to help implement some of the recommendations contained in the Plans. Ideas and suggestions on how the Council can be of greater assistance are appreciated. The Council was created by five towns in 1973 and continues to exist as a service agency to the towns. The Council greatly appreciates the support it receives from the towns, knowing that the support will enable it to provide continued service to the area in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Westhaver
Robert Wutzdorff



MARRIAGES -- 1977

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
April 10, 1977 Franconia, N.H.	Stanley R. Sherburn Lorie L. Doolan	Easton, N.H. Franconia, N.H.	Robert Sherburn Agatha O'Brien Ernest Doolan Ina Leighton	Rev. William Briggs Franconia, N.H. Clergyman



BIRTHS -- 1977

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
October 12, 1977	Samuel Bode Miller	M	John W. Miller	Joanne Kennedy	N.H.	N.H.
October 12, 1977	Alexandra Kathryn Pancoast	F	Thomas M. Pancoast	Kathleen E. Guenther	N.Y.	N.Y.



DEATHS -- 1977

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 15, 1977 Littleton, N.H.	Clayton M. Glover	81	M	Retired	Charles Glover	Mable Mears
October 25, 1977 Laconia, N.H.	Merton A. Edney	88	M	Retired	Andrew T. Edney	Sarah Angelina
November 13, 1977 Littleton, N.H.	Lizziebelle P. Judd	64	F	Housewife	Frank Powers	Bertha Bowles

